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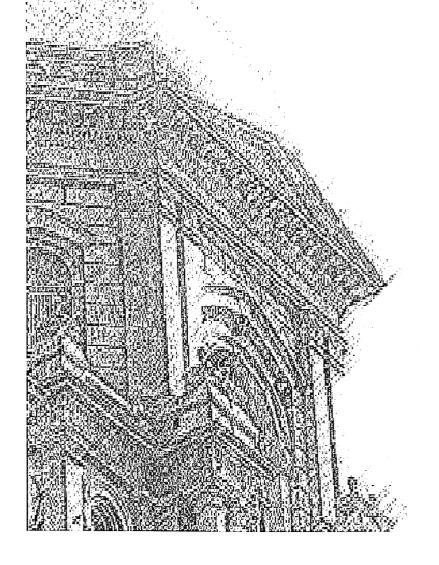
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### Honors

Kevin Hart, professor of English and Nanovic David M. Bartels, professional specialist Institute fellow, was appointed to the board of the Perspectives on Continental Philosophy series at Fordham Univ. Press, and was also made an honorary research fellow at Monash Univ. in Melbourne, Australia.

Robert E. Haywood, assistant professor of art history, was awarded a Getty Scholar Fellowship for the 2004-05 academic year to support his second book project Critique of the Museum in Contemporary Art.

Richard Jensen, guest professor of biological sciences and director of the Greene-Nieuwland Herbarium, was elected to serve for three years on the American Society of Plant Taxonomists Council, one year each as president-elect, president, and past president.

Donald P. Kommers, the Robbie Professor of Political Science and professor of law, was appointed to a national commission on the present and future state of the American judiciary formed by the Annenberg Foundation Trust in conjunction with the Oxford University Press. The commission is part of a project titled "Institutions of Democracy" and plans to publish a series of books on government, along with volumes on public schools and the

Charles F. Kulpa Jr., professor and chair of the Dept. of Biological Sciences, was awarded the Academic Career Research Award by the Indiana Branch of the American Society for Microbiology .

George Marsden, the McAnaney Professor of History, received the "Eugene Genovese Prize for the Best Book in American History" from the Historical Society and the 2004 "John Pollock Award for Christian Biography" for Jonathan Edwards: A Life.

Frank Reilly, the Hank Professor of Finance, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Ft. Dearborn Fixed Income Securities Fund, a closed-end fund listed on the New York Stock Exchange, in April.

### Activities

in the Radiation Laboratory, presented "An Exercise in Using the Notre Dame Solution Kinetics Database to Model Pulse Radiolysis Data" at the "NSF Workshop on Constructing a Kinetics Database," NIST, Gaithersburg, Md., April 19-21.

Joseph Bauer, professor of law, presented "The Scope of Preemption of State Law Claims by the Copyright Act of 1976 and the Federal Copyright Regime" at Emory Law School, Atlanta, Ga., on April 7.

Harvey A. Bender, professor of biological sciences, presented "Expanding Gateways for Undergraduate Learning in Science" at the Lumina Foundation's President's Fund meeting, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, April 23.

Leonard F. Chrobot, adjunct professor of sociology, presented "Why Pride is Necessary Polish Jokes and Polish Americans" at the Notre Dame Polish Club's presentation "The Pride of Poland," an exhibit of metal sculptor M. Owczarski, Notre Dame, Feb. 15.

Tom Cosimano, professor of finance, presented "Impact of the Basel Accord on Bank Credit Growth: A Cross-Country Study," written with R. Chami and A. Barajas, at the Ninth Economic Panel Meeting at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard Univ., April 23.

Alan DeFrees, associate professional specialist in architecture, presented "Urban Design in Greenville" and urban and architectural design drawings by architecture students to the citizens of Greenville, Ala., Mar. 27.

E. Jane Doering, professional specialist, concurrent assistant professor of Core Studies, and executive coordinator of TAS, gave the invited presentation "Teachers As Scholars Program at Notre Dame: 2000 to 2004" to the Woodrow Wilson National Network of Seminars for Teachers at Princeton Univ. in April.

Crislyn D'Souza-Schorey, the Walther Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, presented an invited seminar titled "Regulation of Intercellular Adhesion and Cell Motility" for the Cellular and Molecular Physiology Program, Tufts Univ., Boston, in April.

Virgilio Elizondo, visiting professor of theology and Latino studies and Kellogg Institute fellow, presented "The Cultural Organism: Possibilities for a Cultural Self-Study" at the international symposium in Mestizaje at the Univ. of Leuven, Belgium, Feb. 6-7; "Seven Last Words of Christ" at the University Chapel, Univ. of Chicago, and broadcast on the WFMT Radio, April 7, and again at San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, April 9.

Agustin Fuentes, associate professor of anthropology, presented the invited lecture "It's Not All Sex and Violence: Anthropological and Evolutionary Perspectives on Cooperation, Social Complexity, and Peace in Humans" at the "Anthropology Colloquy Series," Washington Univ., St. Louis, April 12. He also presented the following joint posters at the 73rd annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Tampa, Fla., April 13-17: "Cross Species Communication? Video Analysis of Human-Macaque Interactions" with K. Beranek; "Behavioral Differences in Hierarchical Relationships: Aggression and Grooming among Male and Female Macaca fascicularis at Padangtegal, Bali, Indonesia" with M. Nieto; "Adult Male-Immature Interactions in Long-Tailed Macaques (Macaca fascicularis) at Padangtegal, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia" with J. Millette and B. Freed; and "Sacred Crop Raiders? An Examination of Sympatric Associations among Homo sapiens and Macaca fascicularis on the Island of Bali" with J.E Loudon, M.E. Howells, J. Fraver, A. Putra, N. Wandia, I. Soma, I. Suartha, S. Widyastuti, and A. Rompis.

David R. Hyde, the Kenna Professor of Biological Sciences, presented the invited lecture "Role of Stem Cells and Radial Glia in Zebrafish Retinal Regeneration" at the national meeting of the American Association of Anatomists, Washington, D.C., April 16-21.

Ruthann K. Johansen, professional specialist and concurrent associate professor of American studies, presented the invited lecture "Who am I This Time? The Ubiquitous Human Need for Story" at Illinois State Univ., Feb. 27; and "Unmasking Force: The Wounded Word in Simone Weil and Flannery O'Connor" at the American Weil Society meeting at Princeton, April 23-24.

Prashant V. Kamat, professional specialist in the Radiation Laboratory and concurrent professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, presented "Photoinduced Charge Separation in Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Assemblies" at Rice Univ., Houston, April 16.

Donald P. Kommers, the Robbie Professor of Political Science and professor of law, presented the invited lecture "How Valid are Comparisons? The American Occupation of Germany Revisited" at the "National Elections and Constitution Writing" conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 3.

Ian Kuijt, associate professor of anthropology, presented "Nationalism, Ideology and Ownership of the Past: Recent Changes in the Archaeology of the Near East" as session discussant for the conference "Filtering the Past, Building the Future: Archaeology, Tradition and Politics in the Middle East," Salt Lake City, Utah, in April; "At the Dawn of Christianity: Changing Archaeological Visibility in Ireland" with C. Quinn, "Lithic Technology Trajectories and the Forager to Farmer Transition: An Examination of Late/Final Natufian and Pre-Pottery Neolithic A Occupations at 'Iraq ed-Dubb, Jordan" with N. Goodale, and "Exploring Neolithic Population Growth and Settlement Size: How Many Houses Make a Community?" at the 68th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, in April; "The Taphonomy of Memory in Neolithic Ritual: Symbolic Remembering and Forgetting" plenary lecture to the "Creation of Symbolic Worlds," the annual meeting of the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology, in Mar.; "Trouble in River City: PPNA Core Reduction Systems and Failure Rates" with N. Goodale and B. Finlayson, and "Chipped Stone and Technological Organization: Linking Tool Function to Spatial Variability during the Early Neolithic Occupation at Dhra', Jordan", with N. Goodale and B. Finlayson, at the "Fifth Workshop on Pre-Pottery Neolithic Chipped Lithic Industries," Fréius, France, in Mar.; "Regional Abandonment or Occupational Continuity? New Research on Pottery Neolithic Settlements on the Southeast Dead Sea Plain and Southern Jordan" with Meredith Slater Chesson, assistant professor of anthropology, at the annual meeting of American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, in November; "Geomagnetic Surveys at the PPNA site of Dhra', Jordan", with Mark R. Schurr, associate professor of anthropology, and B. Finlayson, at the "Fifth International Conference on Archaeological Prospection," Cracow, Poland, in September.

Charles F. Kulpa Jr., professor and chair of the Dept. of Biological Sciences, presented the invited talk "From Toxic Waste to Environmentally Friendly (Green) Chemicals: Assessment of Microbial Biodegradation and Biotransformation" at the Indiana Branch of the American Society for Microbiology meeting in Indianapolis. Keir Lieber, assistant professor of political science, presented "U.S. Nuclear Hegemony: Technological Opportunism in Theory and Practice" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Mar. 17–20.

Xiaobo Liu, associate professor of mathematics, presented an invited talk on "Frobenius Structures on the Big Phase Space" in the "Colloquium in Honor of Ernst Heintze" at Institut fur Mathematik, Augsburg, Germany, April 20.

Michael Lykoudis, professor and chair of the School of Architecture, opened the Driehaus Prize ceremony and reception honoring Demetri Porphyrios, second recipient of the Richard H. Driehaus Prize, Mar. 20.

Keith P. Madden, associate professional specialist in the Radiation Laboratory, presented "NDRL Radiation Chemistry Data Center—Design and implementation of a Kinetics Database for Radiation Chemistry" at the NSF Workshop "Constructing a Kinetics Database" at NIST, Gaithersburg, Md., April 29–21.

Mary Ann McDowell, assistant professor of biological sciences, presented "Leishmania Species Selectively Prime Human Dendritic Cells for Interleukin-12 Production" at the American Association of Immunologists/ FASEB meeting in Washington, D.C., April 16–21, where she also chaired the block symposium "Adaptive Immune Response Regulation during Parasitic and Fungal Infections."

Ralph McInerny, the Grace Professor of Medieval Studies, director of the Maritain Center, and professor of philosophy, presented "Value of Family and Children" at Saint Helena's parish, Minneapolis, on April 22.

Dan Meisel, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, served on the "Physical Sciences Panel" of the "U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program on Scholarships and Fellowships," Washington, D.C., Mar. 30 through April 2.

Juan Migliore, professor of mathematics, gave the invited talk "On the First Infinitesimal Neighborhood of a k-Configuration" at the "Special Session on Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry" at the 997th meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Lawrenceville, N.J., April 17.

Patrick E. Murphy, the Smith Co-Director, Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide, professor of marketing, and Nanovic fellow, presented "Business Ethics in the 21st Century" to the Notre Dame Alumni Clubs in Calgary on April 21 and in Edmondton on April 22. John O'Callagan, associate professor of philosophy, presented "Putnam and the Plurality of Forms" at the Catholic Univ. of America, April 2.

Catherine Perry, associate professor of French and Francophone studies, gave the invited paper "Retour à la Mar.e vers l'émancipation dans l'imaginaire de Malika Mokeddem" in the session "Narratives of Return," Kentucky Foreign Languages Conference, Lexington, April 15–17.

Steven R. Schmid, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, presented "Advanced Friction and Heat Transfer Models for Finite Element Simulation of Forging," written with J. Liu, at the "25th Forging Industry Technical Conference," Detroit, April 19-21; and presented the invited talk "Tribology Tales" to a joint meeting of the St. Joseph Valley section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Notre Dame chapter of the American Society for Metals, and the South Bend chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers on April 13; and taught the short course "Metal Forming Tribology," sponsored by the American Society for Metals and Federal Mogul Corporation, on April 14.

Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., professor of political science and director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives, presented the Hesburgh Lecture "What's Catholic About a Catholic University?" at St. Ambrose Univ., Davenport, Iowa, April 22.

Neil Shay, associate professor of biological sciences co-chaired two minisymposia at the annual meeting for the American Society for Nutritional Sciences (ASNS).

Thomas Gordon Smith, professor of architecture, presented "The Revival of Classicism in Contemporary Architecture" for the AIA of Eastern Oklahoma, Tulsa, Mar. 2; "Vitruvius and Contemporary Architecture" for the Southeast Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture, Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 27; "Vitruvius and Hellenistic Architecture" for the Midwest Art Society, Univ. of North Dakota, April 2; and "Two Views of Contemporary Church Architecture" for the Benedictine Monks of Clear Creek Monastery, Hulbert, Okla., April 19.

Jennifer Tank, the Galla Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, presented the seminar "Influence of Spatial Scale and Heterogeneity on Nitrogen Cycling in River Networks" in the Dept. of Botany at the Univ. of Wyoming, April 16.

Steve Tomasula, assistant professor of English, presented the invited lecture "Body

Literacy" at "Partly Writing," Univ. of Southampton, U.K., Feb. 27–29; the invited lecture "The Body as Book/The Body of the Book" at the Univ. of Plymouth, Drake Circus, Plymouth, U.K., Mar. 1; and an invited reading of his fiction at "The Apollo Space Program," Plymouth, U.K., Mar. 1. He acted as panel chair and presented the lecture "Fiction by Collage" at the "Associated Writing Program Annual Conference," Mar. 24–27, where he also presented "Writing Births Its Own Space: The Rise of the Aesthetic"; and presented an invited reading of his fiction at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, April 1.

Rev. Oliver F. Williams, C.S.C., director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, and Kroc Institute fellow, presented a seminar on "Christian Ethics and Business" and participated in a panel discussion for the "Christian Ethics Group" meeting at Baylor Univ., Waco, Tex., April 5; and presented "Can You Do Well While Doing Good?" to the Notre Dame Club of Dallas, April 22.

Eduardo E. Wolf, professor of chemical engineering, presented "Catalysts Finishing" at the symposium on "The Science and Engineering of Catalysts Preparation" at the ACS national meeting, Anaheim, Calif., Mar. 28–29.

### **Publications**

Leonid Faybusovich, professor of mathematics, published "Multi-Target Linear-Quadratic Control Problem and Second-Order Cone Programming" with T. Mouktonglang, *System and Control Letters* 52 (2004): 17–23.

Agustin Fuentes, associate professor of anthropology, published "Re-Visiting Conflict Resolution: Is There a Role for Emphasizing Negotiation and Cooperation Instead of Conflict and Reconciliation?" in *The Origins and Nature of Sociality*, R. Sussman and A. Chapman, eds. (Aldine de Gruyter, 2004): 215–234.

John F. Gaski, associate professor of marketing, published "Alienation in the Distribution Channel: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Initial Theory Testing" with N. Ray, International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management 34, No. 2 (2004): 158–200.

Kevin Hart, professor of English and Nanovic Institute fellow, published *Postmodernism: A Beginner's Guide* (Oxford: Oneworld, 2004); and "Nobody's Business," *On James Tate*, B. Henry, ed. (Univ. of Michigan Press, 2004): 3–18.

Prashant V. Kamat, professional specialist in the Radiation Laboratory and concurrent professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, published "C60 Cluster as an Electron Shuttle in a Ru(II)-Polypyridyl Sensitizer-Based Photochemical Solar Cell" with M. Haria and S. Hotchandani, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 108, No. 17 (2004): 5166–5170.

Donald P. Kommers, the Robbie Professor of Political Science and professor of law, published American Constitutional Law, 2nd ed. with J. Finn and G. Jacobsohn (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), which includes his new essay "Voting and Political Representation," pp. 365-391; "Grundgesetz: An American Perspective" in Konflikt der Rechtskulteren? Die USA und Deutschland Vergleich, Krakow and Strong, eds. (Heidelberg, Nov.): 37–48; and reviewed Will Hutton, A Declaration of Interdependence: Why America Should Join the World in America (Nov. 24): 21–23.

Ian Kuijt, associate professor of anthropology, published "Reflections on Ritual and the Transmission of Authority in the Pre-Pottery Neolithic of the Southern Levant" in Magic Practices and Ritual in the Near Eastern Neolithic: Studies of Production, Subsistence and Environment 8, H.G.K. Gebel, B.D. Hermansen, and C.H. Jensen, eds. (Berlin: Ex oriente, 2004): 81–90.

Patricia Loghry, audiovisual cataloging and licensing librarian, published "To Use or Not to Use: The Benefits and Challenges of Using a Subscription Agent for Electronic Journals" a book chapter in E-Serials Collection Management: Transitions, Trends and Technicalities, part of the Haworth Series on Serials Librarianship and Continuing Resources, 2004.

Al Neiman, professional specialist in philosophy, published "Why Cavell's Perfectionism Cannot Defeat Tragedy" in *Philosophy of Education*, K. Alston, ed. (Philosophy of Education Society and the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana: 2004): 201–205.

Marvin J. Miller, chair and the Clark Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, published "Microbial Growth Promotion Studies of

Exochelin MN and Analogues Thereof" with L. Dong and U. Mollmann, *BioMetals* 17 (2004): 99–104.

Liviu Nicolaescu, associate professor of mathematics, published "Derangements and Asymptotics of the Laplace Transforms of Large Powers of a Polynomial," *New York Journal of Mathematics* 10 (2004): 117–131.

James J. Rakowski, associate professor of economics and policy studies, published "Does the Consumer Have an Obligation to Cooperate with Price Discrimination?" *Business Ethics Quarterly* 14, No. 2 (2004): 263–274.

Steven T. Ruggiero, associate professor of physics, published "Dilute Al-Mn Alloys for Superconductor Device Applications" with A. Williams, W.H. Rippard, A.M. Clark, S.W. Deiker, B.A. Young, L.R. Vale, and J. N. Ullom, *Nucl. Instr. Meth. A* 520 (2004): 274–276.

Steven R. Schmid, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, published *Fundamentals of Fluid Film Lubrication*, with B. Hamrock and B. Jacobson (Marcel-Dekker, 2004): 699 pp.

Richard E. Taylor, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, published "Total Synthesis and Stereochemical Assignment of Myriaporones 1, 3, and 4" with K.N. Fleming, Angewandte Chemie International Edition 43 (2004): 1728–1730.

J. Kerry Thomas, the Nieuwland Professor Emeritus of Science, published "Effect of S102 and Zeolite Surfaces on the Excited Triplet State of Benzophenone: A Spectroscopic and Kinetic Study," *Photochemistry Photobiology* Science 3 (2004): 1–7.

Steve Tomasula, assistant professor of English, published the novel *IN & OZ* (Madison: Ministry of Whimsy Press, 2003); and the essay "Gene(sis)" in *Data Made Flesh: Embodying Information*, R. Mitchell and P. Thurtle, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2003): 249–259.

Rev. Oliver F. Williams, C.S.C., director of the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, and Kroc Institute fellow, published "Shaping a High Trust Society," *Business Ethics Quarterly* 14, No. 2 (2004): 337–343.

# Administrators' Notes

### **Publications**

**Alan Bigger**, director of Building Services, published "A Fishy Story: Lessons from

a Fish Tank" with L.B. Bigger, Executive Housekeeping Today 25, No. 4 (April): 6–7+.

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### **Faculty Board on Athletics**

Mar. 4, 2004

Members Present: Prof. Fernand Dutile (Chair); Prof. Matthew Barrett; Dr. Matthew Cullinan; Prof. Stephen Fallon; Prof. Umesh Garg; Mr. Patrick Holmes; Prof. David Kirkner; Prof. Layna Mosley; (Rev.) Mark Poorman, C.S.C.; Prof. Donald Pope-Davis; and Prof. John Weber.

Members Absent: Mr. Bobby Brown; Prof. Harvey Bender; Prof. John Borkowski; and Dr. Kevin White.

Observers Present: Ms. Sandy Barbour and Mr. Bernard Muir, of the Department of Athletics; and Ms. Kitty Hoye, recorder.

Guest present: Mr. Peter D'Alonzo, senior counselor, Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes.

- 1. Call to order and prayer: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Father Poorman led the group in prayer.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting: Dr. Cullinan moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2004, be approved. Prof. Barrett seconded that motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Announcements: The Chair announced that he had approved, on the group's behalf, the following team schedules: rowing and men's soccer (both for spring 2004). The Chair also approved several changes, made necessary by a cancellation, to the men's-lacrosse schedule. Those changes carried only the following class-miss implications: one-half day (Wednesday, Mar. 31) added; one full day (Friday, April 23) subtracted. At this point, the Board ratified these decisions.

The Chair announced that at a February 17 meeting attended by, *inter alia*, Dr. Nathan Hatch, provost, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Muir and the Chair, the provost had agreed in principle to the idea of advance registration for fifth-year student-athletes in the "unclassified graduate student" category. Past Board discussions have stressed the difficulty this group of student-athletes faced in securing appropriate courses. The provost has charged Mr. Holmes to work with the various deans to implement the proposed process.

The Chair announced that he would arrange a breakfast meeting of the subcommittee on academic integrity to consider the nominations for the Byron V. Kanaley Award submitted by head coaches. The rest of the Board would be invited to participate. From this meeting would eventuate recommendations to the full Board for the final selection of Kanaley Award winners.

4. Policy on unanticipated problems in connection with team travel: Prof. Barrett reminded the group that on Mar. 18, 2003, it had "given its Chair the discretion to authorize, for teams at away competitions, additional class-miss excuses when reasonable due to travel or weather complications." A specific problem at an "away" site had occasioned the provision and its restrictions on the Chair's discretion. Because similar problems arise before teams leave Notre Dame, Prof. Barrett moved that the Board broaden the provision's reach to "home or away" and to any complication unanticipated at the time the team's schedule had been approved. Even under the proposal, of course, the Chair could refer issues to the Board for enlightenment or approval. The motion, duly seconded by Prof. Mosley, passed unanimously.

5. Applications for a fifth year of eligibility: Prof. Pope-Davis, for the subcommittee on academic integrity, introduced the topic. Mr. D'Alonzo attended this meeting as principal academic advisor to the football team. [Note: As customary, these public minutes do not report the Board's discussion of individual student-athletes.] The subcommittee recommended approval of the applications of the following seven student-athletes: Kyle Budinscak, Derek Curry, Michael Goolsby, Carlyle Holiday, Preston Jackson, Cole Laux and Gregory Pauly (all football players). In a related discussion, Prof. Barrett asked about the availability of any report on the academic performance of unclassified graduate students during the fall of 2003. None is available, Mr. Holmes responded. The category of unclassified graduate student presents the most difficulty, Prof. Barrett continued; does some criterion-perhaps GPA-reliably predict the probability of success as a fifth-year student-athlete? Mr. Holmes: The "carrot" for fifth-year football players is a bowl game. The Chair: It's troubling if the only carrot is a bowl game; what about some interest in

academic engagement? Mr. Holmes pointed out that grants-in-aid are awarded semester by semester in the fifth year; that fact presents some possibility of incentive. In response to a question from Prof. Fallon, Mr. Holmes responded that about five or six fifth-year football players would normally participate in the NFL "combine," i.e., try-outs for a professional career. Prof. Weber, with whom Prof. Pope-Davis concurred, emphasized that, despite our problems, we are making significant progress with regard to fifth-year players. Prof. Weber noted that the process for fifth-year applications is better, but that we still need significant improvement. Prof. Pope-Davis worried that students approved for a fifth year might end up on probation at mid-semester of the fall of their fifth year. Prof. Fallon: I'm always impressed after the personal interview. The student-athletes "present" well, but the essays have much in common; I worry that these student-athletes are being coached. Is there some kind of measure besides the file and the face-to-face discussion? Should we have some kind of threshold requirement? Prof. Weber responded that we have advised them to seek out help; the essays reflect exactly what we asked of the student-athletes. Prof. Barrett, noting the 2.0 GPA requirement at mid-semester for fifth-year student-athletes, asked whether we monitor adherence to that requirement. Mr. D'Alonzo: At mid-term, Mr. Muir and I talk to the students; we speak with their professors; in short, we try to find out how they are doing. Father Poorman asked whether we should worry more than we do about the spring (tenth) semester. Given the new requirements issued by the department of athletics, maybe we don't need to, Prof. Mosley observed. Exactly, Ms. Barbour added; a fifth-year student-athlete who academically reflects bad faith in the fall will receive no grant-in-aid in the spring. Moreover, Mr. Muir noted, if a student-athlete shows academic bad faith in the spring semester, we try to get our money back from that studentathlete, withholding transcripts as leverage if we have to. More discussion then ensued concerning what the expectations should be during the spring semester for fifth-year student-athletes no longer competing. Some Board members felt that such student-athletes should still be "engaged" academically as a condition for receiving room-and-board funding from the University. Others felt that, since these student-athletes were not representing the University on the playing field, they, like any other student, could take as few credits as they cared to. Dr. Cullinan, endorsing the latter view, asked: How much more can we expect of them? They have given us

four-plus years. We enforce a higher standard than does even Stanford. Prof. Barrett nonetheless expressed his concerns about a one-credit, directed-readings program, which remains possible in the tenth semester. Prof. Pope-Davis moved that the Board approve a fifth year of eligibility for Messrs. Budinscak, Curry, Goolsby, Holiday, Jackson, Laux and Pauly. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point the Chair thanked the subcommittee on academic integrity and all others involved for their work in connection with these applications.

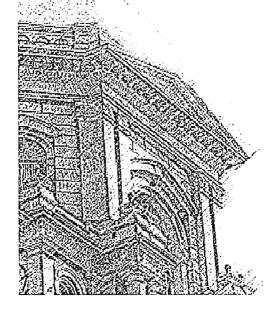
6. Report on practice and competition during Commencement weekend: At its meeting of February 10, 2004, the Board had asked its subcommittee on student welfare to look into whether the University needed guidelines regarding team practice or play during Commencement weekend, Prof. Barrett, chair of that subcommittee, informed the Board that eight sports at Notre Dame could be affected by limitations on practice or competition during Commencement weekend: baseball, softball, rowing, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's lacrosse, and outdoor track. Most of these teams have experienced conflicts with Commencement, but these have normally been post-season events, whose scheduling remains virtually impossible for us to control. The conflicts have also usually, but not always, involved away sites. For example, the track team competes each year at Georgia Tech on that weekend (the track coach gives seniors the option of attending Commencement rather than the competition); in 2002 the baseball team played a doubleheader at home on Commencement Saturday; and in 2003 that team traveled to Virginia Tech University on Commencement weekend for a doubleheader on Saturday and a single game on Sunday. The baseball team's proposed competition on the afternoon of this year's Commencement brought the issue to the attention of the Board (that game has now been moved to Commencement evening). The Department of Athletics has apparently received no complaints from student-athletes or their families about athletics activities scheduled for Commencement weekend, Moreover, Prof. Barrett reminded the Board, Commencement tickets remain scarce. He summed up the reasons for a new policy regulating practice or competition on Commencement weekend. Such a policy would 1) stress the importance of that weekend for student-athletes, their parents and other family members; 2) empower head coaches to secure alternate scheduling; and 3) recognize the similarity

of Commencement weekend to Orientation weekend (now significantly regulated), although Orientation, unlike Commencement, constitutes a compulsory event for students. Prof. Barrett did note two reasons against such a policy. 1) despite our lack of a policy, we have experienced no real problems to date; student-athletes and families understand that missing events like graduation represents the cost of participation in varsity athletics. 2) Such a policy could put Notre Dame at a competitive disadvantage with respect to our peer teams. Prof. Mosley favored the status quo; most coaches are reasonable about such things. Prof. Kirkner had the impression that the head coach of track, at least, would see such a policy as a significant hindrance. Prof. Pope-Davis added that we make studentathletes accountable over a four-year period: we should be wary of adding still another requirement. Prof. Fallon asked if studentathletes were pressured to miss graduation. Prof. Barrett: We have not yet taken the issue to the Student Athlete Advisory Council. Mr. Muir stated that the coaches try to accommodate with regard to this matter. Indeed, some coaches conduct mini-graduation ceremonies at their away sites; Mr. Chuck Lennon, president of Notre Dame's alumni association, has "officiated" at such ceremonies. Ms. Barbour added that when student-athletes receive their degrees in front of their families at these away events, "it's actually pretty special." The Chair mentioned that he had raised the issue originally because graduation is such an important "passage." Perhaps the best result is to discourage, rather than prohibit, practice or competition that weekend. He stated that he would, in any event, discuss the issue with other NCAA faculty athletics representatives in the Big East Conference. Prof. Garg agreed that graduation should be a special day for student-athletes. Would a policy of discouragement at least give the coaches some leverage in scheduling? Prof. Barrett responded that at least one coach favored such a policy for exactly that reason. Mr. Muir worried that any policy might make still more difficult the already challenging task of scheduling spring sports; there are just so few weekends available, especially in our climate. Furthermore, said Ms. Barbour, no coach intentionally schedules events for that weekend. Father Poorman felt that the student-athletes represented the "missing piece;" we need to ask them, and not necessarily through the Student Athlete Advisory Council, what they think. Indeed, perhaps we should survey all studentathletes to get a complete picture. Perhaps this could be done as part of the annual exit interviews, the Chair suggested. The Chair then

thanked Prof. Barrett and the other members of the subcommittee on student welfare for their work on this issue. The Chair committed to distribute to the Board the subcommittee's draft proposal and schedule it for discussion at the next Board meeting.

- 7. Report on off-campus residence: Grant-in-aid student-athletes must live on campus until their senior year. During that year, they may live off-campus if their academic records meet specified criteria. Each year the Department of Athletics reports to the Board on the number of such student-athletes living off-campus. Mr. Muir reported to the Board that 63 student-athletes applied to live off-campus for the 2003-04 academic year; 61 of the applications were approved.
- 8. Update on FBA Website: Prof. Mosley, for the subcommittee on communication, reported on the process of deploying a Faculty Board on Athletics website. Conceding that the website would not attract 1,000 "hits" per day or generate paid advertising, she did hope it would enable more people to know "who we are and what we do." The website will provide contact information, be linked to other campus websites, and contain the FBA Manual and the minutes of the Board's meetings (edited only to excise confidential information). The subcommittee has hired a graduate student to implement the plan. An early version of the website should be in operation just after spring break. Prof. Mosley will provide Board members with the link as soon as possible.
- **9. Adjournment:** At 6:10 p.m., Father Poorman's motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Prof. Barrett, passed by acclamation.

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